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In re Application of: BELMONT et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
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Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Filed: March 22, 2004) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
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Docket No.: 356,660CIP1CON5)
(3600-151-02))

For: REACTION OF CARBON BLACK WITH DIAZONIUM SALTS, RESULTANT
CARBON BLACK PRODUCTS AND THEIR USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.